



## ROCKFORD AREA HOMELAND SECURITY AWARENESS INFORMATION



### THE ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT'S DEDICATION TO HOMELAND SECURITY

The Rockford Police Department is dedicated to ensuring the citizens of Rockford are informed and prepared for all emergencies, including acts of terrorism. We implore the public to talk with their families and neighbors and have specific plans in place in case the national threat level is elevated to **RED**. We also request your assistance in preventing terrorist acts by immediately reporting suspected criminal or terrorist activity.

Please see the section below titled:

***"ASSISTING THE POLICE IN PREVENTING TERRORISM IN THE ROCKFORD AREA."***

Should the President of the United States upgrade the Country's threat level to alert status "**RED**," or in the event of war or an act of terrorism on American soil, the Police and Fire Departments will ensure the appropriate protective measures are taken to protect the citizens of Rockford. The Rockford Police Department takes a zero-tolerance approach to any crimes which victimize the citizens of this community. The citizens of Rockford should feel secure in knowing their Police and Fire Departments are prepared to respond.

Unless a specific, credible threat to our community is conveyed, the citizens should expect the City of Rockford and all City services to remain open and available to assist the public. Citizens are asked that in the event of war, an act of terrorism, or an upgrade in the alert status, to please refrain from calling 911 unless a true emergency exists.

The Police and Fire Departments have and will continue to exchange information related to terrorism awareness and prevention with other government agencies, as well as other public and private organizations in the Rockford Area.

In the event of a credible terrorist threat in our community, the Police and Fire Departments will assess the threat and/or situation and determine the appropriate response, as well as forward any terrorism related intelligence and information to the proper agencies.

### ASSISTING THE POLICE IN PREVENTING TERRORISM IN THE ROCKFORD AREA

As of this time, we know of no credible terrorist threats made to any businesses, buildings, structures, organizations or groups located in our area. Citizens should make every effort to go on about their normal daily lives.

Citizens are encouraged to always be aware of their surroundings and report all criminal or suspicious activity to the Police Department. The Police Department asks you to be particularly vigilant and aware of, and immediately report, suspicious activity observed at our local airport, Federal Court House, hospitals, and Jewish Synagogues, as they are considered preferred terrorist targets. Please report any emergency situation by calling 911. Report non-emergency situations or activity by calling 815-966-2900.